

March 16, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Christopher Hughey

Acting General Counsel

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

Acting Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia Carmona

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY:

Mike Hartsock / Rosa Lewis

Party/Non-Party Branch
Reports Analysis Division

SUBJECT:

Referral of Service Employees International Union Committee on Political

Education (SEIU COPE)

The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) is referring Service Employees International Union Committee on Political Education ("the Committee") to the Office of General Commet (OGC) for failing to file four (4) 24-Hour Notices to support four (4) independent expenditures totaling \$119,624.44 disclosed on the 2010 September Monthly Report during the 2009-2010 election cycle. According to the 2009-2010 RAD Review and Referral Procedures for Unauthorized Committees (Standard 7), a review by your office is required.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mike Hartsock at 694-1398 or Rosa Lewis at 694-1152.

Attachments

REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION REFERRAL

TO

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

DATE:

March 16, 2011

ANALYST:

Rosa Lewis

I. COMMITTEE:

Service Employees International Union Committee on

Political Education (SEIU COPE)

C00004036

Gerald Hudson, Treasurer 1800 Massachusetts Ave NW Washington, DC 20036

II. RELEVANT STATUTE:

2 U.S.C. §434(g)(1) 11 CFR §104.4(c)

III. BACKGROUND:

Failure to Provide Supporting Schedules (Failure to File 24-Hour Notices)

Service Employees International Union Committee on Political Education (SEIU COPE) ("the Committee") failed to file four (4) 24-Hour Notices to support four (4) independent expanditures totaling \$119,624.44, disclosed on Schedule E of the 2010 September Monthly Report made after the 20th day but more than 24 hours before the 2010 Primary Election in the State of Florida (Attachment 2).

Prior Notices listing the official filing dates for monthly filers were sent to the Committee on January 27, 2010 and August 27, 2010. The notices included a section titled 48- and 24-Hour Reports of Independent Expenditures which read as follows:

Any PAC or Party Committee that makes independent expenditures in 2010 muy have to disclose this activity within 48- or 24-hours based upon the date arm the amount of the expenditures. See 11 CFR 104.4, the Web Page: http://www.fec.gav/info/charts_ie_dates_2010.shtml, or the Campaign Guide. These reports are not required when a PAC or Party Committee makes a contribution directly to a candidate (Attachment 3).

On September 20, 2010, the Committee filed a 2010 September Monthly Report covering the period from Angust 1, 2010 to August 31, 2010, which included a Schedule E (Itemized Independent Expenditures) disclosing four (4) independent expenditures totaling \$119,624.44 made in opposition of one (1) federal candidate, each of which required a 24-Hour Notice to be filed. The Committee failed to file four (4) required 24-Hour Notices for these four (4) independent expenditures totaling \$119,624.44 (Images 10991208755-56).

On October 21, 2010, the Committee filed a 2010 Amended September Monthly Report. This amended report disclosed no change in the independent expenditure transactions that were disclosed on the original 2010 Suprember Monthly Report (Imagus 10931733248-49).

On November 30, 2010, a Request for Additional Information ("RFAI") was sent to the Committee referencing the Amended 2010 September Monthly Report, received October 21, 2010. Among other issues, the RFAI noted that the Committee may have failed to timely file one or more of the required 24-Hour Notices regarding "last minute" independent expenditures. A chart was included with the RFAI identifying the four (4) independent expenditures, totaling \$119,624.44, for which a 24-Hour Notice had not been filed (Image 10330002748).

On Docember 8, 2010, Bob Huuptman, a Committee representative, called that Reports Analysis Division ("RAD") Analyst to discuss the RFAI referencing the Committee's 2010 Amended September Monthly Report. Mr. Hauptman stated that the Committee had failed to file the 24-Hour Notices for the independent expenditures noted in the RFAI. He asked whether he should file the notices and the Analyst told Mr. Hauptman to instead file a Miscellaneous Electronic Submission (FEC Form 99) stating why the notices had not been filed on time and to add any additional information to clarify for the public record. Mr. Hauptman said that he would file a respusse to the RFAI by the due date (Attachment 4).

On December 28, 2010, the Committee filed an FEC Fram 99 refereming the Amended 2010 September Monthly Report. The FEC Forts 99 stated, in part,

The independent expenditures in support of Jeff Greene were made before the Florida primary was held on August 24. Due to a failure of communications, the reporting staff was not aware of these expenditures until after the primary was over and therefore no 24 hour notice was filed. However, the expenditures were reported correctly on the Schedule E of the next report filed, the September Monthly Roport Form 3x filed on September 20, 2010. After this 24 hour notice error was detected, the Committee put additional pronaduras in place designed to avoid any future recurrence of this type of problem (Image 10932158866).

On February 2, 2011, the RAD Analyst called Gerald Hudson, the Committee's treasurer, and left a voicemail message stating that issues disclosed on the Committee's Amended 2016 September Monthly Report were referable for further aution by the Commission. The Analyst further explained that an FEC Form 99 had been filed by the Committee on December 28, 2016, regarding the missing 24-Hour Notices, and that the Committee can add any additional information to the public record if they so choose (Attachment 4).

Also on February 2, 2011, the Analyst left similar voicemail messages with Mark Schneider, Committee Counsel, and Mr. Hauptman, making them aware of the pending action regarding the failure to file the 24-Hour Notices and suggested any additional information be added to the public regard via a Miscellatteous Electronic Submission (FEC Form 99) (Attachment 4).

To date, no additional information has been provided by the Committee regarding this matter.

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	8/24/2009	_	29892635150	10/16/2008	11/24/2008	\$6,685,404	\$1,088,571	\$7,121,757	\$652,210	\$211,783	•	\$211,763
	1/31/200		29832131036	11/25/2008	12/31/2008	\$1,199,129	547,421	\$152,591	\$1,093,959	5484,641	•	\$296,512
	8724/200	3 216	28834460635	11/25/2008	12/31/2008	\$465.218	\$1,584,783	\$241,287	\$2,005,715	\$109,523	•	\$109,523
	10/B/200	89	28992298111			•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Missing Notice Chart for Primary Election¹

Name of Payee	Date of Expendity of (Schoolule F)	Expenditure Amquat	Candidate Opposed –	State and Date of Election _[= - in which
4900 Group LLC	8/11/10	\$29,906.11	Jeff Greene	Florida- 2010 Primary (8/24/10)
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4900 Group LLC	8/16/10	\$29,906.11	Jeff Greene	Florida- 2010 Primary (8/24/10)
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

PARTIES AND PACS

January 27, 2010

MONTHLY REPORTING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

REPORTING DATES

REPORT	CLOSE OF BOOKS ¹	REG/CERT. & OVERNIGHT MAILING DEADLINE	FILING DEADLINE
February	01/31/10	02/20/10	02/20/10 2
March	02/28/10	03/20/10	03/20/10 2
April	03/31/10	04/20/10	04/20/10
May	04/30/10	05/20/10	05/20/10
June	05/31/10	06/20/10	06/20/10 ²
July	06/30/10	07/20/10	07/20/10
August	07/31/10	08/20/10	08/20/10
September	08/31/10	09/20/10	09/20/10
October	09/30/10	10/20/10	10/20/10
Pre-General	10/13/10	10/18/10	10/21/10
Post-General	11/22/10	12/02/10	12/02/10
Year-End	12/31/10	01/31/11	01/31/11

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² Notice that this filing date falls on a weekend. Filing deadlines are not extended when they fall on nonworking days. Accordingly, reports filed by methods other than Registered, Certified or Overnight Mail, or electronically, must be received before the Commission's (or for committees supporting only Senate sandidates, the Secretary of Senate's) close of business on the last business day before the deadline.

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- Web Page: 2010 Congressional Pre-Primary Reporting Dates Page
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- The Record: March 2009 issue [PDF]
- Federal Register: Notice 2009-03 (February 17, 2009) [PDF]
- Campaign Guide: <u>Party, pp. 143-149</u> [PDF]

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